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C O N F I D E N T I A L CASABLANCA 774

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ELAB, ETRN, MO

SUBJECT: OCTOBER 25 STRIKE AGAINST PANAM FLIGHT

REF: CASABLANCA 771

1. ZEROUAL MARCHOUDI, CLAIMING TO BE BOARD MEMBER OF AIRLINE WORKERS UNION CALLED AT CONGEN TODAY ON OWN INITIATIVE TO EXPLAIN UNION'S POSITION ON LAST THURSDAY'S TWO-HOUR STRIKE AGAINST PANAM FLIGHT.

2. MARCHOUDI SAID THAT UNION MAROCAINE DU TRAVAIL (UMT) HEADQUARTERS INITIATED STRIKE IN RESPONSE TO CALL FROM ARAB BOYCOTT OFFICE. HE SAID THAT UMT HAD PUSHED FOR DAY-LONG STRIKE, BUT THAT HE PERSONALLY REDUCED IT TO A TWO-HOUR AFFAIR. HE SAID THAT STRIKE WAS A ONE-TIME PROTEST AND WOULD NOT BE REPEATED.

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3. COMMENT: REAL MOTIVATION FOR MARCHOUDI'S APPEARANCE

MAY HAVE BEEN HIS BELIEF THAT PANAM REP AT AIRPORT TOLD CONOFF
THAT HE, MARCHOUDI, WAS LEADER OF STRIKE. PANAM REP IN
FACT SAID THAT STRIKE WAS FORCED UPON MARCHOUDI BY WORKERS.
THIS SEEMS TO US MOST LIKELY VERSION, BUT WE INCLINED BELIEVE
MARCHOUDI'S ASSURANCES THAT NO MORE ACTION AGAINST PANAM
PLANNED. MOROCCO'S FIRST SCHEDULED 747 ARRIVED AND DEPARTED
NOUASSEUR THIS MORNING WITHOUT INCIDENT.
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